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WOMAN'S WORLD.

A TIMELY DISSERTATION ON THE SUBJECT OF TENDER FEET.

A Shrewd Scheme—Her Picture of an English Woman—A Good Business For Women—Mrs. Cleveland—A Democratic Princess—Miss Oliver, Dentist.

Many women can manage to look sweet tempered in spite of various forms of physical suffering, but there are very few who can do so when enduring agonies from a bad corn or from tender and swollen feet. The first really hot weather is trying to the feet of most of us, particularly if we live in a town, even if we have not corns. There are several ways in which suffering caused by tender feet can be lessened, if not entirely got rid of.

First and foremost, the boots and shoes for summer wear should be half a size larger than those worn during the winter. Shoes are generally considered more comfortable than boots and should certainly be adopted, if possible, in the summer, for they leave the ankle free and the circulation unimpeded. However, if boots must be worn, they should not be very high, as any additional pressure means additional suffering. It is hardly necessary, I hope, to mention that extremely pointed toes and really high heels should never be thought of by any one who values peace of mind and comfort. The leather for summer footwear should be light, but not too thin, and brown in preference to black, when brown is suitable to the occasion.

The evil effects of tight lacing will be very soon realized by the woman who has tender feet. The undue compression adds tenfold to the pain, and very often the ankles, even of young girls, who are silly enough to sacrifice their well being for the sake of having a waist of 18 inches, are so swelled and inflamed by the end of the day that they are utterly shapeless. In cases of this kind the remedy is not far to seek, but it is more difficult to relieve those who suffer legitimately, so to speak. The following treatment should be persevered in. It will give immediate relief, and when practicable should be resorted to twice a day. Do not wait until you go to bed, but if the opportunity offers when you come in, weary and footsore, apply the remedies then.

Soak the feet well in tepid water, to which a little ammonia has been added, and as the water gets cold pour in more hot to keep the temperature. After drying the feet, rub them gently and thoroughly with a mixture made thus:

Add an ounce of the best linseed oil to the same quantity of linewater; shake the bottle in which the ingredients are until a mixture about the thickness of cream is produced; then pour in half a dram of spirits of camphor; shake again, and it is ready for use. The feet, after being rubbed, should be wrapped in soft linen for a little while, and then powdered with boracic acid before the stockings are replaced. In the event of the feet and ankles being in a very inflamed condition, after soaking them as I have described, apply an ammonia lotion, which will soon allay the discomfort. This is made by adding 20 drops of tincture of ammonia to half a cupful of tepid water. Saturate a piece of lint sufficiently large to envelop the entire foot with the lotion, cover it with a piece of oiled silk and rest for an hour or two.—Woman.

A Shrewd Scheme.

"The scheme of the women suffragists this year is now looked upon as a very shrewd one," said a woman who is against suffrage. "For many years a little band of women in this city, who have persistently and faithfully agitated the subject of the right of women to vote, found their closest adherents among the working women and those whose higher education and liberal reading led them naturally to desire fuller and freer powers. Hence the band of woman suffragists was well equipped with brains and industry and formed a picturesque element of society. The papers did not pay much attention to it, the meetings were not crowded, and the world at large did not show an acute interest in their doings."

"But early last fall the old leaders selected a list of the most influential and fashionable women in New York and went about the work of conversion with firmness and industry. Nothing checked them; nothing put them off. The only qualification they looked for in a candidate at that time was social position."

"For a time their efforts were fruitless, but finally one prominent woman of fashion after another became interested in the movement. Sherry's fashionable quarters were secured, and the first half dozen meetings were made so exclusive that innumerable heartburnings and jealousies arose. But the managers did not lose sight of the fact that the women who had failed through inferior social position to secure an entrance in their councils on one occasion would be all the more anxious to come a second time."

"The result of this artful and original style of campaigning was that the woman suffragists' movement was made dis-



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tinely fashionable in this city for the first time in its history. Women follow the fashions without any discussion; hence the enormous following of the woman suffragists at the present time."—New York Letter.

Her Picture of English Women.

A Minneapolis girl who has journeyed abroad writes to The Journal of that place as follows: "The English women who walked the deck or lounged in steamer chairs on the passage over the channel did not look to me as though they required much chivalrous attention. They were too splendidly healthy and big to be coddled. The general sameness among them made it possible to at once sum up the type of British womanhood. Tall, flat breasted, large feet and hands, strong, intellectual faces, fresh complexions, a striding gait, which is not exactly graceful, and very musical voices—these are the general attributes. On the whole, I like the type, but they could stand a little toning down in places and touching up in points. They have the oddest style of dress for the moment. It is the fashion to pile the hair in a great wad on the back of the neck and to plaster the fringe in a frouze over the brow, with an invisible net holding it down. The hats are large, rolled up from the sides and trimmed heavily at the back, so that the head seems dragged down behind. Bonnets are also worn on the very back of the coiled hair and are mostly invisible from the front view. Traveling dresses and street dresses are all made with waistcoats and jackets. The four-in-hand scarf is giving way to a straight, narrow bow. Silver chateaux make a pleasant jingle wherever a woman walks, and a tightly furled umbrella gives her a good walking stick. Even to gloves the English woman is masculine, for she wears heavy dogskin ones that are loose and clasp with a snap button."

A Good Business For Women.

A shrewd business woman in England herself conducts a fruit and flower store. She manages her business in a unique and beautiful way. Her clerks are girls dressed in a neat and striking uniform. Her trade is in both fresh and preserved fruits. The glass jars and pots of preserves are arranged in pyramids and attractive figures, making them look so tempting that customers just must take them away and eat them. The artistic element enters into all the details of her enterprise, as well it might in a trade so pretty and poetic as fruit and flower selling. She has all her sex's talent for detail, and this accounts for the exquisite neatness and artistic finish of every part of the work. Even the window shades are varied to suit the weather, it is said. The fruits and flowers sold are delivered in sprick and span clean, bright wagons, with uniformed drivers. A page stands at the entrance, and he wears a bright brown uniform, with brass buttons. In this business there is scope for the realization of an artist's dream. Is not this an improvement on a greasy Italian, smoking his vile pipe over the choicest grapes and apricots? Why do not some American women go into a business like that conducted by the English woman?—Commonwealth.

Mrs. Cleveland.

A young woman has written to the Cleveland Plain Dealer an account of a visit to the White House made by a party of women from Cleveland. She says:

"We passed through the main vestibule and grand corridor, and thence through the red room to the blue room, where our hostess smilingly awaited us. A great many of us were very much surprised when we caught the first glimpse of her, as we did not expect to see such a majestic looking woman. Her hair is dark, and she wears it away from her forehead coiled simply at the back. Her eyes are blue, shaded by dark lashes, and her complexion pale, but not with the paleness of ill health. She also has a true woman's sweet smile. With what feelings we approached can better be imagined than described. Here we were trying to realize that the smiling woman before us was the highest lady in the land. As we drew near her our names were announced by our chaplain, and our hostess greeted us with

a warm handshake, and I say warm handshake in the true sense of the word, for the hand was ungloved. Over a dark skirt she wore a very light tan three-quarter coat finished with a broad brown velvet collar, which was edged with lace."

A Democratic Princess.

The Radicals need not worry if Lord Rosebery marries Princess Maud. She has always been the most democratic of princesses. A good many people have heard the story of her serene announcement that if it were not for her grandmother she should herself propose to a young Bostonian who used to visit at Marlborough House. And children in England always delighted in the story of her running away from her sisters and their governess in Hyde park when she was a child for the avowed purpose of buying oranges and eating them sitting on a park chair "like other girls." As Lady Rosebery and wife of the premier of England, Princess Maud would doubtless be sufficiently dignified for her position. The Britons who will say they "can't understand what Wales is thinking of, letting his girl marry the Scotchman," will at least confess that there is a good deal of independence of foreigners among his children. Like their aunt, the Princess Louise of Lorne, Prince George and Princess Louise and Maud appear to think that a noble Briton is a better mate than any royal continental, for whom none of them cares.—New York Advertiser.

Miss Oliver, Dentist.

Miss Jeannette Oliver of Buffalo recently registered as a competent dentist. She graduated several years ago from the trained nurses' department of the Buffalo General hospital, and after that was the matron of the Fitch croche. Later she was recalled to the hospital and was there for over a year as superintendent. Then she entered the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, where she graduated in 1893. There were about 15 women in her class, among them several German women, who came here to study because they were not admitted to the German universities. Miss Oliver expects to open an operating room in Buffalo next fall. A young woman from Ohio is studying dentistry at the Buffalo University of Medicine. She is the only woman who has applied for admission to the dental course at this university, and she is one of the best students in her class.—Buffalo Letter.

Women Switch Tenders.

In The Railroad Gazette for April is an extract from a letter from the superintendent of the western division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad showing how successful West Virginia women have been as operators in towns where switches have to be thrown. He says: "There are three places in the Greenbrier district of this road where 'lady operators' attend to the switches. At Rockland one lever moves both switches of the crossover, and it is operated without any effort. At Wolf Creek one lever throws two switches, two detector bars and two locks. This lever is rather stiff on account of not being used very frequently, but the operator has no trouble in manipulating it. At Lowell the levers are not loaded at all heavily, and they work very easily. When these machines are put in properly and kept cleaned and well oiled, ladies have no difficulty whatever in handling them very successfully."

A French Portia Finds Her Own Case.

Considerable stir has been excited in the legal circles of Paris over the fact that a woman lawyer was recently allowed to stand up and conduct her own case against a formidable opponent of the opposite sex. The woman was Mme. Herbelot, better known as a writer over the signature "Jeanne Sebatier." The fact that she was allowed to conduct her own case, while it seems simple justice from an American point of view, is regarded by Frenchmen as an instance of remarkable liberality on the part of the judge. A number of women who have lately taken their degrees in Paris begin to feel as if they have not lived in vain.—Paris Correspondent.

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